



Program Manager Assembled  
Chemical Weapons Alternatives

# Partners in Blue Grass Chemical Weapons Destruction Program

## A Partnership for Safe Chemical Weapons Destruction

The following is a summary of key program partners and their roles and missions in the shared goal to safely and effectively destroy the chemical weapons stockpile at the Blue Grass Army Depot.

### Program Manager Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives

The Program Manager Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (PMACWA) was established to demonstrate alternative technologies to baseline incineration for the destruction of assembled chemical weapons. Additionally, a public law signed Oct. 23, 2002, assigns PMACWA responsibility for the destruction of the chemical weapons stockpiles stored at the Blue Grass Army Depot in Kentucky and the Pueblo Chemical Depot in Colorado. PMACWA is headquartered in Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

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### U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville

The Corps of Engineers is a team of civilian and military personnel that manages construction of military facilities for the Army. Ensuring that safety is integrated into the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant design and construction, the Corps oversees the systems contractor to ensure high quality. The Corps also is responsible for designing and constructing support facilities.

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### Blue Grass Army Depot

The Blue Grass Army Depot, known as BGAD, is a 15,000-acre depot that safeguards a ready supply of conventional munitions and provides chemical defense equipment and special operations support to the U.S. Department of Defense. Chemical weapons have been stored on the depot since 1944. Col. Martin A. Jacoby is the depot commander.

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### Blue Grass Chemical Activity

Blue Grass Chemical Activity, or BGCA, is responsible for the safe storage of the chemical weapons stockpile—blister agent in projectiles and nerve agent in projectiles and rockets—stored at the depot. It is a tenant organization at BGAD, reporting to the Chemical Materials Agency at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Lt. Col. Dennis Cantwell is the activity commander.

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### Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass

The Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass team is the systems contractor that was awarded a basic contract by PMACWA to design, build, test, operate and close the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant. The initial task, awarded in June 2003, is the development of a design-build plan, followed by completion of the design. Subsequent phases will include construction, systemization, pilot testing, operations and closure.

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# Information

### **Joint Munitions Command**

The U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command, located at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., is responsible for the procurement process associated with the systems contracts for chemical weapons destruction facilities. The Department of Defense chose the Joint Munitions Command to conduct the contracting process for these facilities because of the command's considerable experience in administering government-owned, contractor-operated facility contracts.

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### **Blue Grass Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office**

The Blue Grass Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office works with the surrounding communities to inform stakeholders about the chemical weapons destruction program. The offices work closely with the Blue Grass Army Depot, Blue Grass Chemical Activity, emergency preparedness agencies, elected officials, community groups, individual citizens and others to ensure a comprehensive public outreach and involvement program.

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### **Kentucky Citizens' Advisory Commission**

The Kentucky Citizens' Advisory Commission, or CAC, serves as a link between the Blue Grass community and the Army by providing a forum for exchanging information about chemical weapons disposal. The CAC is a Governor-appointed committee that includes private citizens who provide a local perspective to ensure the public plays an active role in the disposal program.

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### **Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection**

The Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection's mission is to protect and enhance Kentucky's environment. The department will oversee the permitting process and final permit approval of the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant. Additionally, the department is actively involved in the Environmental Working Integrated Process Team to expedite the permitting process.

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### **Blue Grass Environmental Working Integrated Process Team**

The Blue Grass Environmental Working Integrated Process Team's mission is to expedite the planning, development, and implementation of all aspects of the environmental permitting process for the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant.

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### **Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program**

The Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program, or CSEPP (cee-sep), involves Clark, Estill, Fayette, Garrard, Jackson, Laurel, Madison, Powell and Rockcastle counties. It also involves the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management in Frankfort. Kentucky's CSEPP has received federal funding to enhance the emergency preparedness of the state, affected counties and cities. This funding has been used for equipment, personnel, training and public awareness.

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